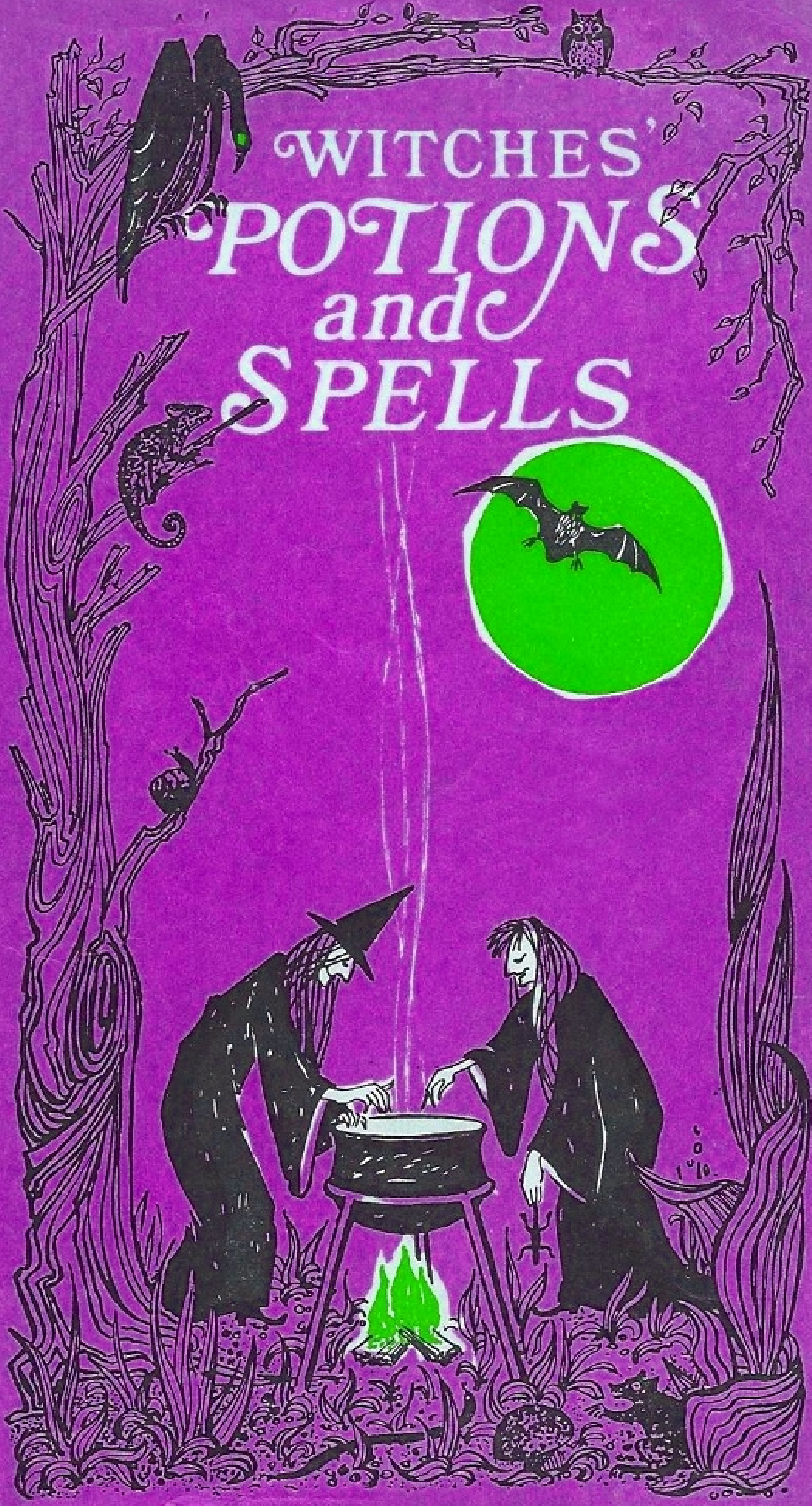

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Introduction

For centuries witches have brewed potions and cast spells to work their magic: enchanting lovers, curing disease, harming enemies, even becoming invisible and flying. Here is a wide selection of their recipes drawn from the lore of witches throughout the world.

Only experienced witches should attempt to perform any of these enchantments. Even the most innocent-sounding potion could be very dangerous to a beginner in magic! And if the spell is not worked correctly in every detail, it is sure to backfire! So pseudo-witches, please beware!

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Love Potions

CATCH a young turtle dove at dawn. Dry it in an oven for several hours. It will crumble to powder; mix this with wine and a few drops of your own blood and add to the wine of the one you love.

PRONOUNCE three times your name and the name of him you love. Then take off all your clothes and steal into the room where he lies sleeping soundly. Clip from his head a lock of hair and if you escape without awakening him or meeting anyone, you will obtain absolute mastery over his affections. But if you are caught, the spell will be reversed and you will suffer. You must wear his hair in a bag around your neck or waist or twisted in a ring.

STEEP rose petals in water. Add to it a handful of crushed vervain, which was gathered on Midsummer's Eve. Drink a little of it yourself, then mix a few drops with oil and anoint your lips. It will compel the love of whomever you kiss.

CRUSH pepper and mix it with nettle seed. Add a spoonful to the wine of the one you desire.

TAKE a ring that is well worn and lay it in the nest of a swallow. Leave it there until the full moon comes. Then go and find it at midnight. Wear it always and all men will love you, and you can have any of them you wish.

ANOINT the right toe of him you desire with the ashes of a weasel bound with oil and honey. He will waken mad with love for you.

PLACE a green frog, living, in an anthill. Return in three days and you will find only a skeleton remaining. Dry and powder it and mix it with bat's blood and dried flies. Shape the paste obtained into small balls and introduce them into the food of the one you wish to enchant.

DRY and crush the yellow roots of gander-goose. Mix it with menstrual blood and add some to the food of him you love.

MAKE a figure of wax, and fashion it in the shape of him you love, mixing with the wax toad's blood and your own blood and saliva. Bury the image beneath a place where the beloved will surely pass and he will suffer great torments if he does not return your love.

To regain a lover who has left you, mix with dragon's blood, sulphur, quicksilver and saltpetre, and throw it into a blazing fire, repeating his name all the while. As these things burn, so will his heart burn for love of you.

FOR the love of a man, boil a mandrake root in water. It must be of smooth, even and pleasing shape. Then add three drops of the liquid to his wine. His desire will know no bounds.

BOIL water in an earthen pot. Add to it cloves, nutmeg, ginger and lavender. Let it steep for half an hour. Then serve a little of it in tea or alone to the one you love, and he will be overcome with desire for you.

DISSOLVE sugar in rose water and to it add finely powdered almonds or cashews. Whoever drinks it will grow mad with love for you, and only you will make his longing cease.

CUT the throat of a turtle dove and add a few drops of its blood with a bit of dried snake skin to a glass of wine. The one you love will surely be yours.

TAKE blood of a sparrow, blood of a bat, and liver of a fox. Mix them thoroughly, add a few drops to the red wine of your sweetheart.

TAKE an acorn for each letter of the full given name of him you love. Plant them, and when they come up, he will have fallen in love with you.

TAKE a red string, a yellow string and a blue string, and tie in each one three knots, saying the name of the one you love as you tie each. Then bind them all together and wear them in your hair or on your wrist or around your waist and he will not be able to resist you.

TAKE earth from the footsteps of him you love. Burn and powder it. Then burn and powder your own hair and mix the two powders with your own blood. A few drops of this in food or wine will bring true love.

TAKE a piece of your clothing into which you have freely perspired, and burn and powder it with some of your hair. Mix with your spit and blood and introduce into food or drink which the loved one will consume.

TAKE a very hot bath. Then cover yourself with flour and sugar to absorb the moisture. Wipe it off with a cloth, then scrape the moistened flour thus obtained into the food or drink of him you wish to charm.

UNDRESS completely and at midnight beneath a full, cloudless moon walk three times around a house or field, throwing behind you at each step a handful of salt. If, when you finish, none has seen you, him you love will be mad for you. But if you are unsuccessful, he will scorn you and your anguish will deepen.

To keep love between a man and a wife, gather sticks, three for the woman and four for the man, and tie them together separately. With the woman's sticks, put a sprig of vervain and a piece of her dress. With the man's put a bit of St. John's Wort and a piece of his shirt. Add a few hairs from each one and tie the two things together firmly. It should be kept in a special place and must not be lost.

BAKE a cake for the one whose affections you seek and put in it seven strands of your own hair and seven drops of your blood. If he does not suspect the spell, he will surely love you deeply.

TAKE ten long strands of hair from the head of the one you love without his knowledge. Bind them with an equal number from your own head and ten red threads. Moisten them with your own blood and saliva. Twist them like a rope and tie them with red threads so they form a bracelet. Wear this all the time, and he will be compelled to love you.

SQUEEZE from a carrot all its juice. Add a few drops of onion juice and of your own blood and some crushed myrtle. Mix with water and a little wine and give it as a drink.

TAKE the roots of young asparagus, boil them in wine a long time, and add to it a bit of honey or sugar and give in wine to the one you love.

ADD to apple juice: honey, ginger, and ten apple seeds. Add a few drops of black cat's blood and have it put into the food of him you wish to love you.

MAKE a heart of clay and write on it the name of the one you desire. Add seven drops of your own blood to a basin of wine, and spit into it three times. Then baste the heart in the bowl. His love will be certain.

TAKE the heart of a fat pigeon that was caught at sunrise. Steep it in wine with some of your blood, the eye of a little green frog and the stinger of a bee. Add some sugar and spices, and strain it. Put some into the wine of whomever you love.

FIND the stone in the stomach of a cock, and grind it up finely. Put it in wine with some of his feathers. Let it set overnight, then take out the feathers. Whoever drinks of the wine shall love you.

So that a woman be mad for you, mix a bit of myrtle and vervain with dried, powdered pumpkin seeds and add them to her wine or hot milk and let her drink of it between eleven and midnight.

Put in wine the brain of a cat, some of your blood, and some juice of the civet cat. A little vervain completes the brew. Cook it a very little while, and strain it. Give it to whomever you like.

Next time you cut your nails, save them and grind them to a fine powder, making sure not to lose any. Find a way to put it into the drink of the one you love, making sure he does not notice. He will instantly be seized with love.

Make a figure resembling the one you love out of clay or wax. Mark the position of the heart with an X. Take bow and arrow and shoot an arrow at this heart. If the arrow finds its mark, she will love you.

To a pitcher of rose water add cloves, cinnamon and cardamon. Administer some to a lover whose affections you doubt, and he will surely be faithful.

To make a woman love you, take hairs from the ear of a male ass, burn and powder them and add them to her drink. She will instantly be seized by the most powerful desire for you.

TAKE the stone of a boar, powder it and add it to red wine. Also find ten ants, let them dry, and put them in, too. This potion is effectual for winning any love.

DRAW a circle in a clearing as wide as you are high. Start a fire within it, over which you must boil water in a pot. Add to the pot peanuts well ground and some sand. Stir it well and add oil and chicken feathers. Boil it until all the water has disappeared and wrap what is left in red silk. When you carry it with you, all you meet and desire shall love you without fail.

Transvection, or Flying Ointments

TAKE the fat of young children, and seethe it in water in a brazen vessel, reserving the thickest of that which remaineth in the bottom, which lay up and keep until occasion serveth to use it. To it add parsley, aconite, poplar leaves, wolfsbane and soot.

TAKE *acarum vulgare*, parsley, cinquefoil, yellow water-cress, sweet flag, the blood of a flitter-mouse (bat), aconite, belladonna and oil. Stamp all these together and then rub all parts of the body exceedingly till they look red and be very hot, so as the pores may be opened and the flesh loose and soluble. Join herewithal either fat, or oil instead thereof, that the force of the ointment may the rather pierce inwardly, and so be more effectual.

CRUMBLE finely together aconite, hemlock and poplar leaves. Mix with soot enough to bind them together well, and rub briskly over the limbs.

GATHER belladonna, aconite, cinquefoil and water parsnip. Mix them together well, and add to them soot from the hearth and fat of a babe from the pot. Rub it as you need it.

For Jealousy and Conquest of Rivals

To overcome a rival in love, find his footprints and cover one of his left prints with your right and rub it out, saying, I tread on thee and am over thee.

To destroy the love of a new bridegroom for his wife, secretly knot a handkerchief and slip it into his clothes.

WHEN you wish to prevent a young man from visiting a girl in any house, take shoemaker's wax and four nails. Make of these a cross, and put such crosses under the seats whereon the lover and maid sit. And the end will be that they will quarrel, and he will no longer come to the house.

To conquer a rival's jealousy, recite three times: This jealousy you feel for me, do I hereby destroy. The fire of it I cause to fly away, as does the wind the fire. As sure as death and as sure as dead is dead, so is thy hatred dead. I have squeezed the jealousy from your heart, as air is squeezed from a bladder.

To cause dissension between man and wife, take a dry straw and recite over it their names with the wish that they hate one another. Then break the straw in two with one blow.

So that a new married couple will not love each other, cut your nails and without their knowledge sprinkle the cuttings among their clothes, or if you can manage it, in their bed.

To make him you love to hate your rival, obtain some of her blood or hair and give it to him in a drink in which you have placed some of the ground dust of emerald.

To Break a Love Spell

If your husband has been enchanted to love another, he will return if you do the following. Mix together ashes and powdered vervain. Apply it while he is sleeping to his forehead and the soles of his feet, being careful not to awaken him.

To make your husband love you if he has been made to do otherwise, mix raven's gall with oil of sesame and rub it over his body as he sleeps.

For Deceit

To cause a spouse to overlook your infidelities, take coins that were laid on the eyes of a corpse. Wash them in wine and give it to him to drink, or lay one of them, unknown to him, among his garments.

So thy husband does not know what you do, give him lettuce finely chopped in his wine. He will be blind to all you wish him not to know.

So men know not the evil you do, mix grains of wheat (eleven of them) with sesame seed and wine and the juice of a yellow flower and drink it daily.

For Good Fortune and Favor

THE tongue of a chameleon, if it be taken from her alive, doth conduce to a good success in trials, but you must take care that it be not brought into the house, because that would be most dangerous.

TAKE cold cream and mix with rose water and the feather of a swallow. Anoint yourself with this and all men will love you and be friendly. You will be able to prevent quarrels between all those you meet.

To have good fortune, take feathers from a live swallow. Tie them together with a red ribbon and carry them with you or put them in your bed.

In the middle of the flower of the chrysanthemum are chives, like ants, little and black, having wings. This is called Man's Blood. This therefore is gathered before the rising of the sun, and is put in a glass vessel of oil of roses and the flower itself. Arising in the morning take a little of it, and anoint your face, and go away confident, for it will make you amiable and acceptable and efficacious with all men and for all things. And if you do this at the sun's rising, it will be the more effectual.

Take the living heart from a young mole. Preserve it well in a jar for seven days. Then put it in a gold silk bag with three pieces of celandine and carry it always with you. Men will grant you anything you want.

Soak the gold part of the marigold in water for three days. Each day add more marigolds. Put in the juice a little red wine and a white feather from a cock. Drink a few drops every day for a month, and your wealth shall increase, and men shall seek you out.

To make a wish come true, write what you desire on a leaf of sage and hide it under your pillow. Sleep on it for three nights. If you dream of what you long for, you will obtain it. If you do not, bury the sage deep in the ground, else you will come to harm.

If you would become adept at discovering treasure, drink of broth of mistletoe in your wine three times a day for a month. And sleep with mistletoe at your feet.

For Strength, Courage and Fear

If you would be the strongest of men, suck blood from a wounded or newly killed boar.

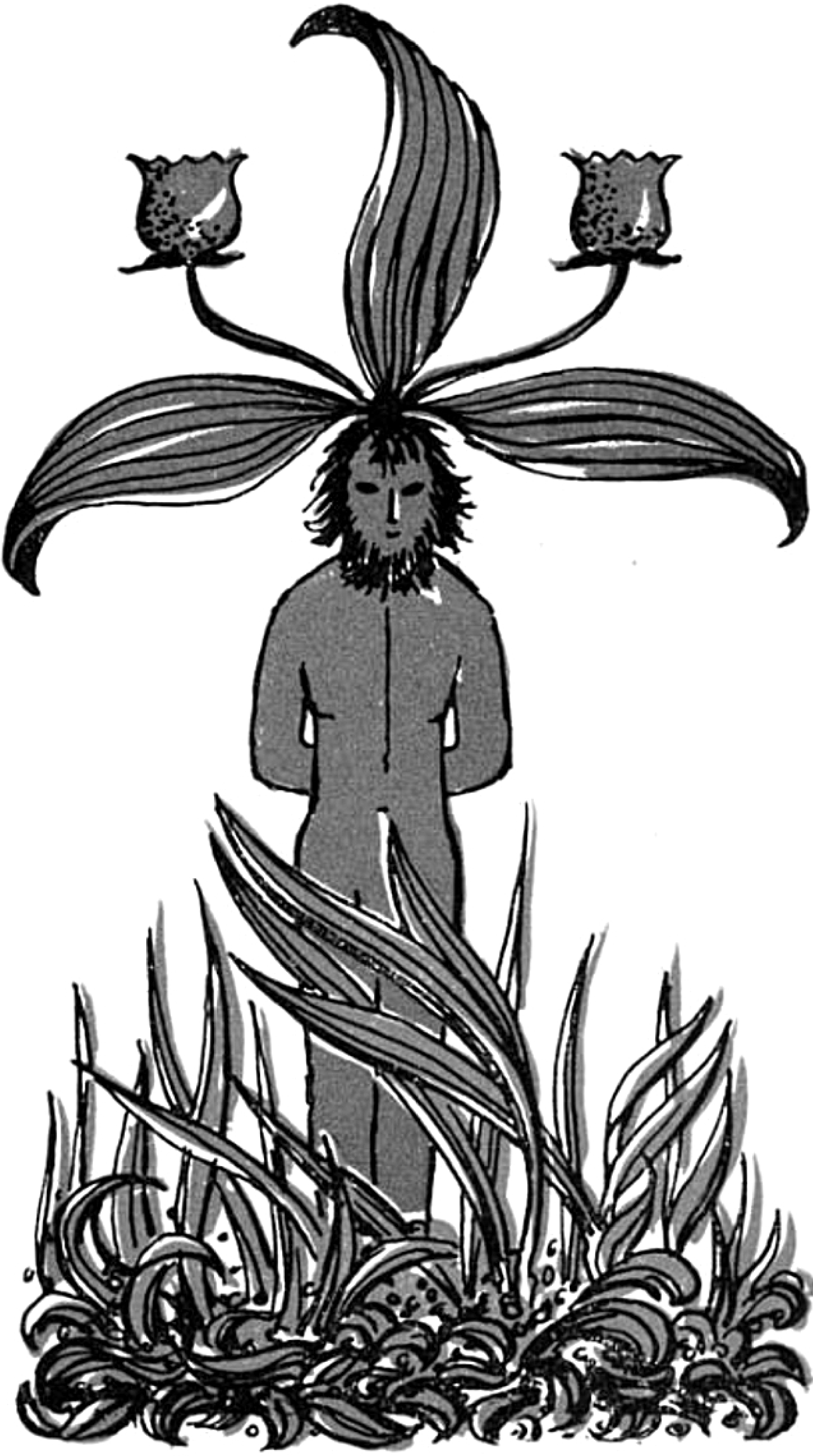
If you wish greater boldness, gather from a lion (it must be alive) sufficient hairs to make a girdle. You must weave it yourself, without the aid of any instrument, working only between midnight and sunrise. When it is finished, you shall wear it wherever you go.

MEN will be afraid of you if you rub yourself with an ointment in which you have mingled the dried and powdered eye of a basilisk. But be most careful that you do not taste of this or get it in your eye or under your nails. If you do, you will go mad or suffer great pain.

TAKE from a cock its heart and eyes. Steep them in water a good time. Then make a cake, which you moisten with the water and eat it all at one sitting. You will be more courageous than any one you meet.

You will have the courage of ten men if you capture an eagle alive and remove its heart. Make a powder of it and sprinkle it on your food at every meal, but especially when you rise and before you sleep.

FOR bravery, get the eye of a black cat and some of its blood and put it with dried snake skin in your wine. And soak therein a feather of an eagle for three days and three nights. Use this as long as you have need of it.



Pluck ten feathers from a young cock that is alive. Weave them together and soak them in a pot of water. Then draw ten drops of blood from the cock while it remains alive, and add them to the brew. Add some sugar and drink a glassful every morning for three days.

Preparation of the Mandrake Root

To obtain a mandrake, first starve a dog for a day. Then attach him to a very long rope and lead him to the mandrake, being sure that you remain far enough away so that when he pulls up the plant you will not hear its terrible shriek that brings death or madness. Wash your mandrake once a week with white wine and wrap it in a silken cloth. If carefully preserved, it will answer all questions you put to it. If you leave money beside it, in the morning it will be doubled. It is good to use also in love potions or in bewitching enemies and for many other things.

To Cause Discord

A STONE that is bitten by a mad dog hath power to cause discord, if it be put in drink.

To cause enmity between friends, mark an X on a leaf of sage with the name of one friend writ on it, and bury it under the doorstep of the other. As the leaf falls apart, so will their friendship.

THAT a person may hate everyone, give him to drink wine in which is mingled the blood from the ear of a black cat, prickles from a rose, and dried ants. He will have a falling out with everyone he meets.

To part all friends and lovers gather a twig for each letter of the names of those whom you enchant. Take two twigs at a time in your hand, one from each name, and break them together at one blow, reciting over them the victims' names. Then bury the twigs together in a heap.

To Cure and Prevent Illness

To prevent all disease, take from three mole-hills three handfuls of earth thrice, making nine handfuls, and mix them with vinegar.

If you hurt in any place mix mugwort, finely ground, with fat from a hare or of a baby and anoint yourself therewith.

To remove a toothache, wrap a barley straw around a stone, and throw it into a running stream saying:

> Oh, pain in my teeth,
> Trouble me not so greatly!
> Do not come to me,
> My mouth is not thy house,
> I love thee not at all
> Stay thou away from me;
> When this straw is in the brook
> Go away into the water!

If a friend is seized with madness, brew lettuce tea and give it to drink while saving some to anoint his brow when it is cold.

To cure a cold, add to wine or liquor dried and powdered lungs and liver from three frogs. Recite the following three times:

Frogs in my belly
Devour what is bad!
Frogs in my belly
Show the evil the way out!

To keep away the toothache, tie together in a piece of red silk a bit of salt, a crumb of bread, and a coal. Carry them with you whenever you feel a twinge of pain.

To cure any illness, bore a hole into the side of a living tree, and spit into it three times strongly. Then cover up the hole.

To cure dysentery, separate an egg yolk from its white. Make sure it is without spots and whole, then put it in brandy, beat it hard and give it to drink.

For pain or soreness, take seven spoons of moss and seven of ashes and seven of dried spider. Mix them together with milk, and put it gently on the place that hurts. The pain will go away in seven hours or seven days.

Take a large glass of good, red wine and put in it a pure gold coin. Leave it out under the stars for three nights. The next morning drink part of it in a smaller glass. Do this for three days. This is a certain cure for the jaundice or disease of the liver.

To keep away fever and the rheumatism always wear about your throat a piece of red flannel.

To cure a tumor, take a root of vervain, which was dug up with attention to the stars, and cut it into two pieces. Build a large fire. Put the smaller piece of vervain around the neck of the person to be cured, and the other on a dish in the fire. When it has dried up, the tumor will have vanished forever.

TAKE Bittany and St. John's Wort and put them in whiskey or other strong spirits. Drinking from this in the morning before you have taken food is good and wholesome, and prevents fever and cold.

FOR all diseases, write the word *Abracadabra* in a triangle on a piece of paper and put it with some salt in a red bag and suspend it from your neck.

You will have keen sight if you anoint your eyes every day with honey mixed with dried eyes of a cock.

FOR pain, bake earthworms, three dozen of them, in an oven for an hour. When they are well crumbled remove them and stir them up with some water and wine and drink a little once a day until the pain goes away.

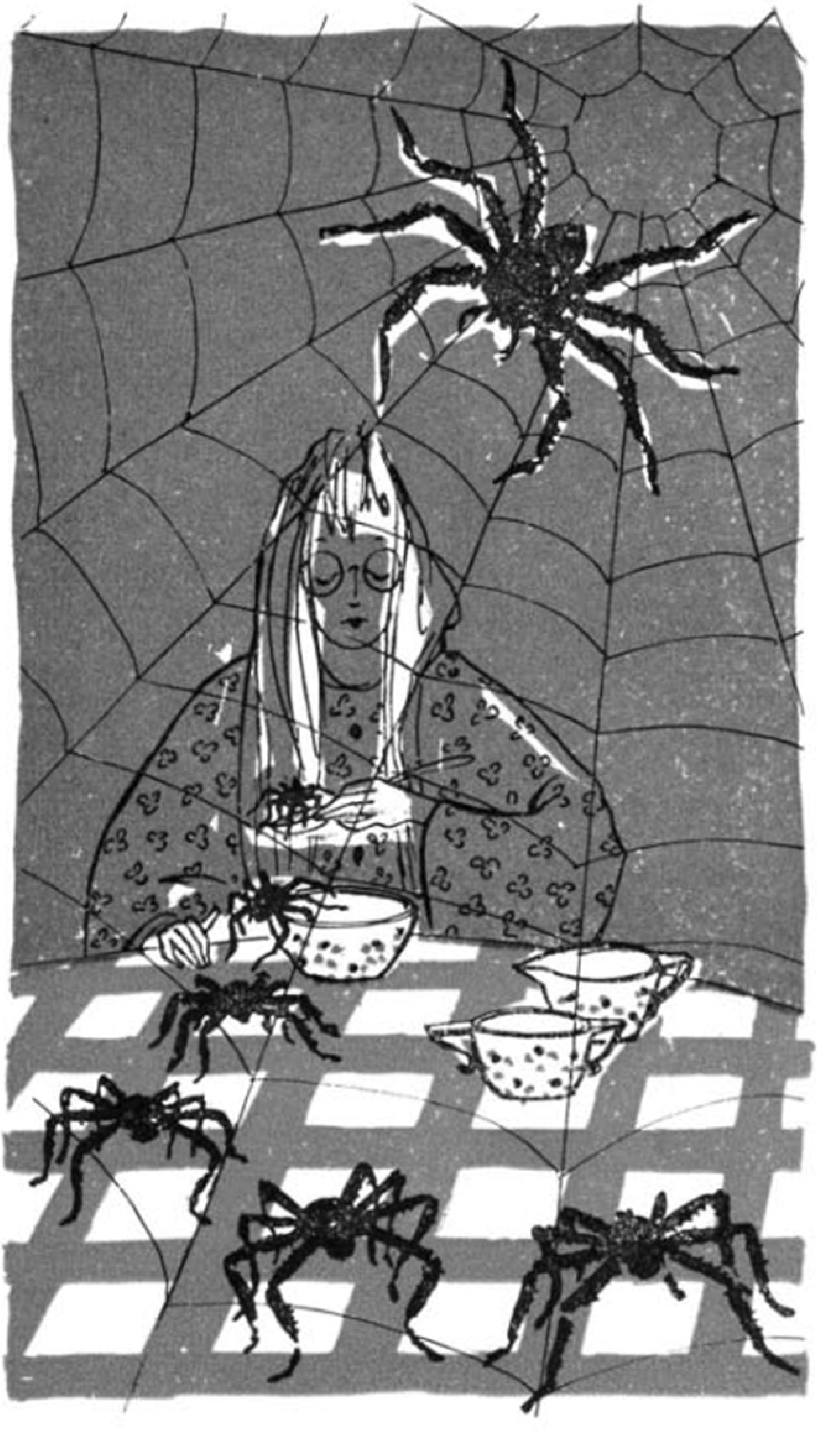
FOR a swelling anoint yourself with oatmeal, fleawort and oil of roses.

Eat seven spiders a day with your breakfast if you feel especially weak. It will make your blood better.

Boil three black spiders which were caught weaving upward in a pot of water for an hour. Remove what remains of them, and steep in their broth fennel seeds and cinnamon. Add a little of this to hog's grease, with a bit of dried and powdered toad. It is an infallible remedy when anointed for all kinds of sickness and melancholy. It also cures girls who are lovelorn.

For falling sickness give to drink a brew composed of lavender, rose leaves, fennel seed, cinnamon and caraway seeds. See that it is taken twice a day, at sunrise and sunset.

For dizziness or madness, cut the throat of a young turtle dove and give the person to drink.



For a cancer, brew nettles in a pot for seven hours, adding water as it boils away. Then add oil of lilies, dried spider legs and water of mulberry bark. Take it daily in drink after the sun goes down.

If you cannot sleep at night and have troublesome dreams, soak rose petals in a pot of water for three days, each day adding more petals. Add a sprig of myrtle and one of vervain, and bathe your forehead with three handfuls of this broth before you go to bed.

If a person is weak or suffers from heat or cold, give him this: white vinegar in which three cloves have soaked for three days. He may drink only ten drops of this. Any more will make him worse.

For a fever take equal amounts of water from three ponds, boil them together in the same pot, and drink three small glasses of it, when it has cooled.

To Cause Sleep or Wakefulness

To cause sleep in all members of a household, obtain dirt from a newly made grave and scatter it around the house. They will sleep like the dead for a good twelve hours.

The head of a bat, dried and bound to the right arm of him that is awake will keep him from sleep till he takes it off, or if it be put upon him when he is asleep, he shall not be awakened till it be taken off him.

Dry the heart of an owl and carry it with you, when you must remain awake. But do not forget you have it, or you shall not sleep when you wish.

Obtain a human shin bone. Remove the marrow and pour tallow into it. Light the tallow as a candle and carry it three times around the house you wish to silence. But while you do this, you must not speak one word.

CARRY with you the heart of the bat or the crow, and you will not sleep till you cast it away from you.

To Compel True Speech

To make a man speak in his sleep, lay under his head the tongue of a water frog, which was taken while the frog was yet alive.

To make a woman to utter all her secrets, lay the heart of a screech owl upon her left breast as she lies sleeping. You may believe all that she will tell you.

A MAN will say the truth to whatever you ask if you only set upon his breast, as he sleeps, a bit of fresh suet taken from a hare.

THE same will happen if you use instead the heart of the horned owl. It must be the heart of an owl that lived until the moment it was stolen from him.

If you powder the tongue of a frog and mix it with wine, all who drink of it will tell you their secrets and they shall not be able to stop until you say the word.

For Prophecy and Raising Spirits

Mix together spermacetti, lignum aloes, pepper, musk, saffron, red storax, and the blood of a lapwing. Burn them in a cemetery at night, and you shall see strange spirits.

Mix together man's gall and the eyes of a black cat, and burn them; the spirits will come.

Fumes made of linseed, fleabane seed, roots of violets and parsley doth make you to foresee things to come and doth conduce to prophesying.

The stone that is bred in the apple of the eye of the civet cat, held under the tongue of man, does make him to divine or prophesy.

To Make the Lamp of Life

Take a good quantity of venal blood lukewarm as it comes out of the vein, which being chemically prepared with spirit of wine, make up into a candle, which being once kindled never goes out till the death of the party whose blood it is composed of; for when he is sick or in danger, it burns dim and troubled, and when he is dead, it is quite extinguished.

For Long Life and Youth

To have a good, long life and to remain as when you were young, feed three pigeons till they are fat. Kill them at sunrise and have them roasted that day, basted in their own blood and three bottles of red wine and sufficient honey. Sprinkle among them vervain and saffron, and eat all three for your dinner, drinking an entire bottle of the same red wine with the meal. Do this every day until your constitution is strong enough.

MAKE a powder of the flowers of elder, gathered on Midsummer's Day, being before well dried, and use a spoonful thereof in a good draught of borage-water, morning and evening, first and last, for the space of a month; and it will make you seem young for a great while.

To restore youth take daily in a glass of wine three drops of the juice of hellebore and the powdered and dried flesh of the deer or the phoenix. The draught must be taken at the same time each day.

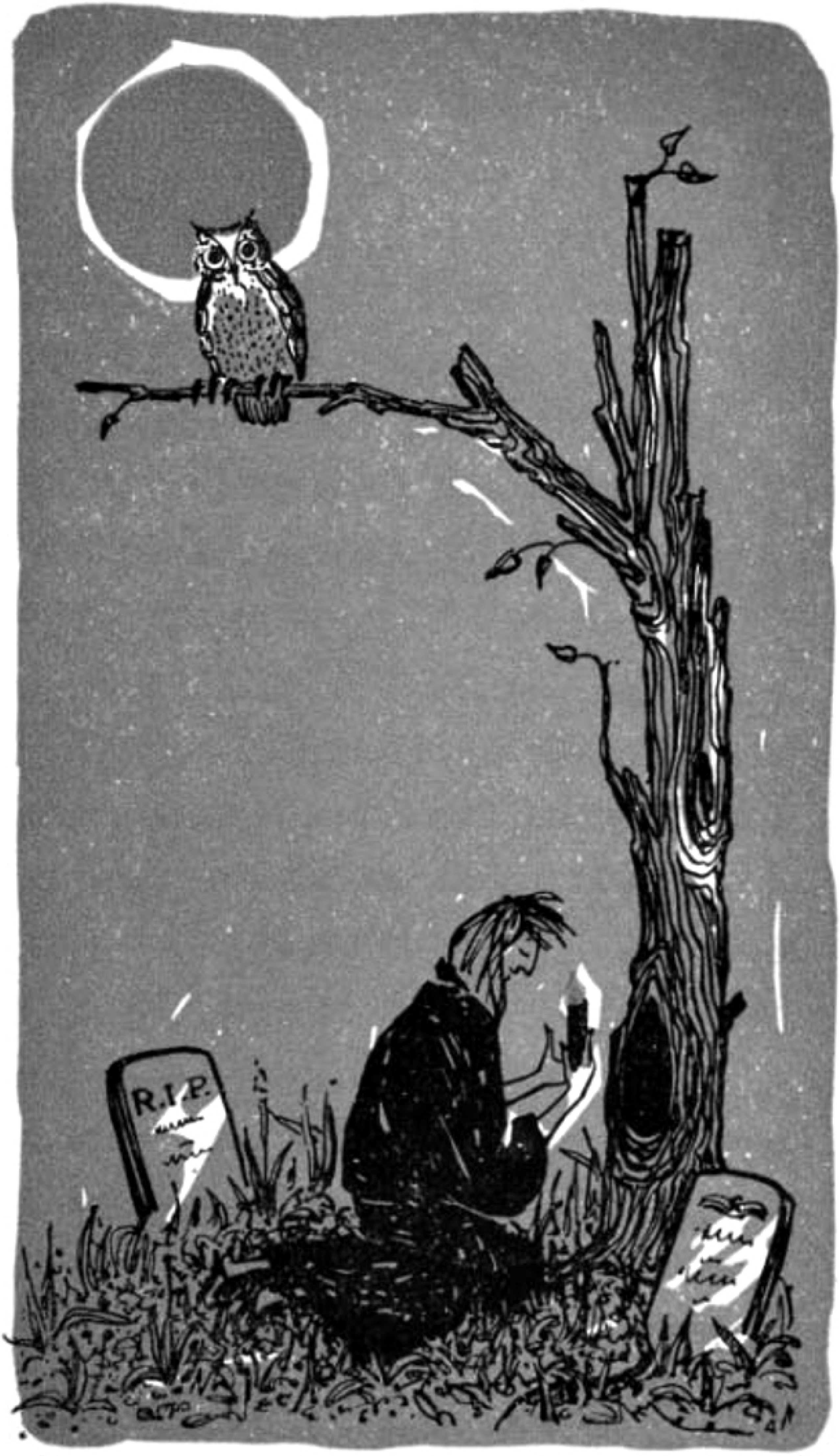
To Cause Illusion

A CUP of liquor being made with the brains of a bear and drunk out of the skull, shall make him that drinks it to be as fierce and as raging as a bear, and think himself to be changed into a bear, and judge all things he sees to be bears, and so to continue in the madness until the force of the draught shall be dissolved.

If a house or any place be smoked with the gall of a cuttlefish, made into a confection with red storax, roses and lignum aloes, or lignaloes, and if then there be some sea-water, or blood, cast into the place, the whole house will seem to be full of water or blood; and if some earth or plowed ground be cast there, the earth will seem to quake.

The Hand of Glory

During an eclipse of the moon sever the right hand of a corpse, preferably that of an executed murderer. Dry it and preserve it in a jar to which you have added foul smelling herbs. If you light the fingers of this hand as candles, the light can only be seen by yourself and other witches, and the light will not go out until you wish it. If you bring it into a house, sleep will reign over those within. But you must let no one know that you possess the Hand of Glory. Use the hand to give light whenever you wish to obtain something from a graveyard.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To Harm Enemies

Take a candle to the cemetery at night, and on the stroke of midnight light it and then bury it, being careful not to let the flame be extinguished before the candle is nearly covered with earth. Recite over it your enemy's name with a curse upon him. Unless he can find the candle and destroy it, he will pine away and die.

Mix together the following: earth from a freshmade grave, dust of a black spider, and the sap of an elder. Moisten them with water and form a frog. Baptize it in the name of the victim and prick it daily. In nine days he will die. If you stop the pricking before nine days he will only fall very ill.

Make an image of your enemy out of mugwort. Baptize it in his name. Then dig a large hole in the ground under a rotting tree and bury the image upside down. Your enemy will rot along with the tree.

To torture your enemy make an image of wax or clay in his likeness. Add to it some of his blood or pieces of a garment into which he has perspired. Then wet your finger with water and rub the doll with it.

WHEN you see a falling star, face north and repeat this verse three times:

> 'Tis not this star which falls,
> But my curse
> That by night or day
> I do naught save curse,
> That my curse may fall
> On —

Your enemy will become very ill, misfortunate, or may even die.

To punish a lover who has rejected you, make an image in his or her form, using, if possible, a scrap of his clothing and some of his blood. Cursing his name, cast the image into the water, and he will go mad.

MAKE an image in wax of your enemy. Then, take a knife having a wax handle, and with it engrave his and his mother's names upon the doll. With your hand strike a blow to the part of the body you wish to harm, and the corresponding member of your enemy will be paralyzed.

DRAW a picture of your enemy on a cloth or slate or carve it on a piece of wood. Bury it near his home in a place he usually walks, and he will die when he steps on it.

TAKE the hairs of the person, or else the stockings, and these not clean, for there must be in them his or her perspiration. Then with black and red thread sew the stockings across one another and if you have the hairs of the person, make of them a cord spun with flax. Make it into the form of a hen, and, taking the feathers, work or weave them with black and red thread into the covering of the hen, and put black pins in the form of a cross into them. It must be then hidden in the mattress of the one whom you wish to bewitch, and say:

This hen be accursed,
And cursed be all!
May the curses carry him away
Curses from the depths of hell
Now, for an hour
I would give him horns
May the curse leave them on him!
And thou — mayst thou bear them,
And have no more peace
Neither by day or night
Until the bewitchment which I have wrought
Be removed by me!

If you can collect clippings from the fingernails of him you wish to enchant, you can do evil to him with ease. Only wash them first with wine into which you have put some evil powder. Let them dry three days. Then cast them into a large fire. Before you do this, no one must know you have his nails, else he might steal them back.

To cause evil to one you hate, take earth from three molehills and put it in a red bag, and while removing the earth with care, say:

Earth, O Earth, who long hast laid
On the hills which moles have made,
As they heaped thee, may there be
Evil heaped on —
And disaster fall like lead
Evermore upon his head.

GATHER earth upon which your enemy has stepped. Shape it into his figure. If you can, clothe it with torn pieces of his clothing. Then sprinkle it with water, baptizing it in his name. Lay it in the cemetery and he will die soon.

TAKE some clay and burn it. Mix it with bits of the hair and clothing of him you hate. Then make it into the shape of a man, and tie it up with string and cloth. Take sharp thorns and stick them in those places you wish to hurt or maim. He to whom you do this shall have no peace.

To bewitch one till he die: Take a black hen and pluck from it every feather; and this done, keep them all carefully, so that not one be lost. With these you may do any evil to grown people or children.

MAKE a wax figure in the shape of a toad and blend with it dust from a powdered toad. Baptize it in the name of your victim and roast it over a slow fire. Baste it with toad broth in which a few drops of his blood are mingled. This will not fail.

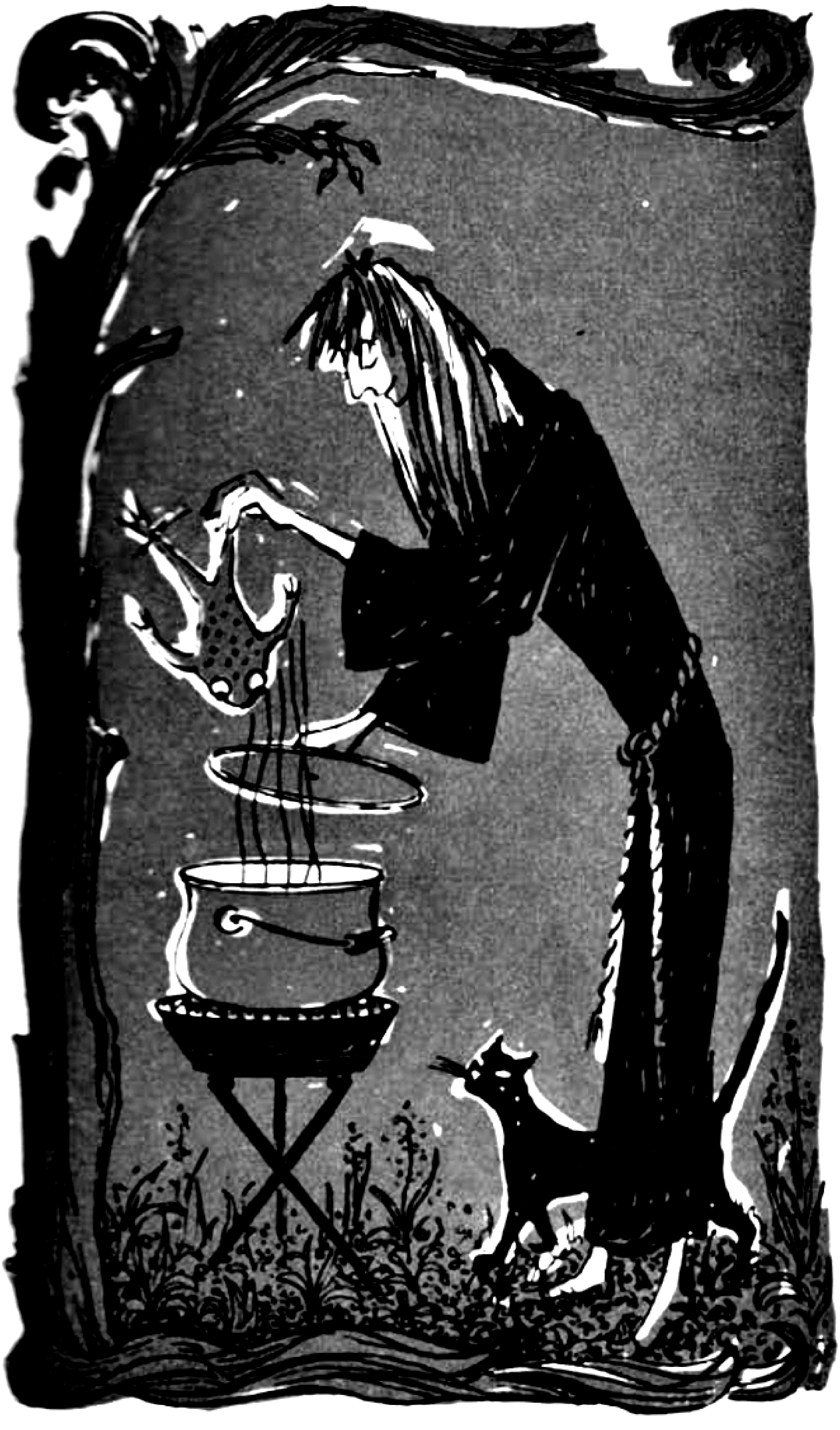
To hurt anyone, man or woman, write his full name on a piece of virgin parchment, and fold it in two. Saying his name aloud, recite three times the fate you wish him to suffer. Then cast the paper into a roaring fire.

PUT in a jar of water, blood and sweat of your enemy. Build a low fire, and set the jar over it. Cook it until there is no water left. When the last drop is gone, your enemy will perish.

TAKE a toad. Obtain some of the hairs of your victim. Tie them to the left leg of the toad, and put the animal into a covered pot. As it suffers, your victim will suffer; when it dies, he will die. But if he is only to suffer and not to die, remove the hairs from the leg of the toad and let it go. He will slowly recover.

IF anyone shall measure a dead man with a rope, first from the elbow to the biggest finger, then from the shoulder to the same finger, and afterwards from the head to the feet, making thrice those mensurations; if anyone shall afterwards be measured with the same rope, in the same manner, he shall not prosper, but be unfortunate and fall into misery and sadness.

IF you would bring evil upon any person, steal his shirt (it should be well worn) and tie it up in the shape of a doll. If you need a string, you must use a black thread or the gut of a black cat. Dig a deep hole under an evil tree, and bury it there at midnight when there is no moon.



To make a person suffer, take some henbane and a peppercorn and boil them with the hair of the man or woman and say:

I do not boil the hair alone
But all these things together thrown
With his heart and soul that he
May perish and forever be
Only in witches' company.

GET some good dirt from a graveyard. Wet it with blood of a black cat and water from a still pond. Form it into the shape of the one to be destroyed, and dress it in his clothes. Lay it on a piece of elder wood, and sever its head with one blow of a knife. He will die or go mad.

OBTAIN some blood from the one you would hurt. You must then do the spell in a hurry while it is still fresh. Melt some wax and add the blood. If you have some of his hair, use it, too. Make the wax in the form of a heart, and engrave his name on it. Then stick it with seven pins.

NAME the one that you wish to suffer. Then take the skin or hair of a black cat, skins of figs, nettles, powdered horse scrapings, pepper, chestnuts, carrots and garlic and hair of the person, and powder them all finely. Then take linseed and hempseed and seeds of melon and pumpkin and put them all in a black glazed pot, which place on the hole of a toilet. Then take two candles tied with black and red thread and let it remain for three days, first lighting the candles, and as soon as they are burnt out, renew them, and when three days are passed, at the stroke of midnight, put the pot on the fire and say: I boil the body and soul of —

This liquid is then put into a small bottle and thrown into the house of the one you wish to harm, and from that moment on he will suffer greatly.

WRITE on a paper your enemy's name and a curse upon him. Repeat the curse aloud three times facing north. Lay it on the ground in a quiet place, and stamp on it with your left foot till it is torn into pieces. You must afterwards burn the pieces and bury them. Your enemy will be sick to death.

TAKE a root that is in the shape of a man (it must be dug up at midnight, and your hand must not touch it), and name it after the object of your spell. Wash him in the bitter blood of a toad, and bury him in a secret place where he will not be found and dug up. If he be found, you will suffer instead of your enemy.

OBTAIN a garment of your enemy wet with his sweat. Add to a tub of water juice of henbane, newt's blood and the eye of a basilisk. Soak the garment in this water, and the poison will eat it. So will it gnaw at your enemy.

To make him that is odious to you repulsive to all, anoint him with the ashes of the ankle bone, or eye, of the civet cat's left foot, being diluted with the blood of a weasel. But he must not know why you do this.

TAKE a stone for each letter of the name of your victim. Put them all together in a pot and boil them in water for an hour. Take them out and let them dry. The next day at sunset throw them into the river.

TAKE salt and pepper and put it into the house or clothing of your enemy, saying:

I put this pepper on you,
And this salt thereto,
That peace and happiness
You never more may know.

To do evil to anyone, kill a black cat, skin it, and rub the skin to a very fine powder. Mix it with pulverized horse scrapings and pepper and earth over which a toad has passed. And while taking this earth from under the toad, say:

Toad, all poison from thy birth!
Shed thy poison on this earth!
Give me of thy poison some,
That I may bear it to my home.

Then put all together in a small bag and at the time of mixing, say:

Poisoned earth and powder fine
To the powdered cat I join.
This the worst and yet the best
For my vengeance — for the rest
Cat skin powdered: nothing worse;
With the scraping of a horse,
Pepper next to make it good,
Earth well poisoned by a toad,
'Tis a mixture which, when done,
Will rack and ruin many a one
And they shall know no good or peace
Nor shall their sufferings ever cease
Until they humbly come to me
And beg for mercy on their knees
Which I may grant — if I should please.

To do evil to one you hate, scrape dust from a grave with the left index finger at midnight. Mix it with the blood of a raven or crow. Then tie the mixture in a rag which has touched a corpse, and bury it under the doorstep of him you wish to bewitch. He will suffer as much as you desire.

To cause one to have a broken heart, hide about his house a peacock feather. Or else give him to drink of water in which these feathers have been steeped. This will also cause him to lose money or to become sick, should that be your desire.

To Break the Spell of Another Witch

OBTAIN some urine from the injured person. Put it in a bottle with nails or pins or other bits of iron and clippings of the victim's hair. At midnight boil it over an open fire in a house that is sealed. The witch who enchanted the person will come in pain to the house. When she is not let in, the spell will be broken, and she will become ill or die. The bottle must afterwards be buried in such a place that nobody will later discover it.

For Invisibility

On Midsummer's Eve gather some fern seed between eleven and noon. Whenever you carry it, you will be invisible. But you must take care not to lose any of it, else you will not regain your proper shape.

To Change the Weather

The head and throat of the chameleon, if they be burnt with oaken wood, cause storm and lightnings.

For a strong wind, wet a rag with water and hit it against a stone saying:

I knock this rag upon this stone
To raise the wind in the Devil's name
It shall not lie till I please again.

Gather leaves of sage in the early morning after sunrise. Dig a deep hole and bury them. When they decay, the rain will come.

To bring a cool wind, obtain a stone from the innards of a bird or animal. Tie it with a horsehair to a stick and wave the stick in the air to summon the wind. The wind will last nine days if you dip the stone in the blood of the animal from which it came and make three turns widdershins (against the motion of the sun).

To make rain, boil hog bristles in a large kettle of water. Leave them for a good long time. If you can be patient and keep awake, the rain will come.

Dig a deep hole in the earth. Fill it with water, and stir it steadily widdershins with your finger for as long as necessary. If your finger tires, someone else may go in for you, as long as the stirring motion does not stop when you change hands.

To Cause Gaiety

Fat of a hare lighted in a lamp will cause women to be exceedingly merry and facetious.

To make all the company most happy, give them to drink wine to which you have added the blood of a dove and one of its feathers.

To Cause Animals to Flee

To make a snake, however vicious, to run away from you, take off all your clothes and even your jewels.

To drive away mice, fume the burnt hoof of a horse.

To Find Out a Thief

To discover who they are that have stolen from you and make them confess: take quicksilver and the white of an egg. Mingle them together and make an eye upon the wall with it. Then gather together all whom you suspect, and tell them to gaze upon the eye. His or her eye that stole from you will water.

To Keep Things Hid

If any one shall hide gold or silver, or any other precious thing, the Moon being in conjunction with the Sun, and shall fume the hiding place with coriander, saffron, henbane, smallage and the black poppy, of each a like quantity bruised together and tempered with the juice of hemlock, that which is so hid shall never be found out or taken away.

To Improve the Appearance

If you wish to make hair grow on your head, anoint it with milk from an ass mixed with honey and fennel seed. Do this thrice a day.

To make hair grow, go to the stream at sunrise, stand in it, and scoop up water with the left hand against the flow of the water. Pour it onto the place where you wish the hair to grow. Use three handfuls of water, and try not to let it run down too fast. Do this three days in a row, at the same hour.

To rid yourself of pimples, watch the sky for a falling star and at the moment before it hits the ground, seize a cloth and wipe the pimples. They will fall from your body. But do not wipe them with your bare hand, or the pimples will spread.

To Prevent a Fire

Take a black chicken in the morning and cut its head off. Then throw it upon the ground and cut its stomach out. But leave it together and whole. Lay it in a bloody rag. Then take an egg that was laid on a Thursday. Put these things together with wax in an eight-quart pot, and bury it under the threshhold of your house. As long as it remains there, not a stick of your house shall catch fire.

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